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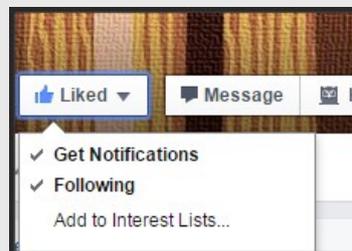
On June 20th we celebrate World Refugee Day to acknowledge the victories of refugees and raise awareness for their support.

World Refugee Day was first celebrated in 2001 in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the [1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees](#). In the last Fiscal year (Oct 13 – Sept 14) 1,683 refugees arrived in Tennessee, the majority of whom were from Iraq, Burma, Somalia, and Bhutan¹. However, resettlement efforts in Tennessee and the United States reflect only a small portion of the global refugee crisis. In [a report released today](#), UNHCR estimates that 59.5 million people worldwide have been forcibly displaced. There are currently 19.5 million refugees and an additional 38.2 million internally displaced persons being assisted by UNHCR².

The UN Refugee Agency has organized World Refugee Day efforts around the theme, "Get to know a refugee." The [UNHCR World Refugee Day site](#) provides compelling, uplifting, and inspiring stories of refugees from around the world— why they fled, who they are, and what they aspire to become and achieve. We can see ourselves in these profiles. We are mothers, musicians, writers, and sons. We are dreamers, protectors, nurturers, and providers. We cherish our families, cling to our memories, and hope for our futures. I encourage you to explore the stories and share them on your social media platforms.

We've provided a [calendar](#) of some events marking World Refugee Day. There are many great things going on this year! You are welcome and invited to attend each of them.

We appreciate your interest in the issues faced by refugees in Tennessee. Part of my job is to get information to you in order for you to continue that commitment. I will be working hard to supply accurate, relevant, and timely information in a variety of formats. You should notice we are more active on social media. If you haven't already, please be sure you follow us on [Twitter](#) and like us on [Facebook](#). If you've liked us on Facebook, but we're not showing up in your feed, please go to our page and adjust the notification setting. By clicking on the "Liked" dropdown menu (see image), you can select "Get Notifications" and "Following" in order to stay up to date. We encourage you to share our posts with your networks!



Thank you for your interest in refugee resettlement in Tennessee.

I hope you enjoy this years World Refugee Day activities. Use the hashtags #WRD2015 and #WorldRefugeeDay to share your experiences!

Best Regards,
Maegen Hughes

¹[FY 2014 Tennessee Arrivals](#)

²[UNHCR 2015 Global Trends Report](#)

World REFUGEE Day
#WRD2015

TED Talk Screening and More...

19 June
6p - 9p

Bridge Knoxville invites the community for a TED talk screening, cultural feast, activities for kids, and more. FREE

7035 Middlebrook Pike, Suite A, Knoxville 37909



Open House

19 June
10a - 3p

Bridge Chattanooga will host an open house featuring food, music, and information booths. **FREE**
4791 A Hal Dr., Chattanooga 37416



Worship and Prayer

19 June
6:30p - 7:30p

World Relief Nashville invites the community to join in worship and prayer for refugees worldwide at Highlands Apartments. **FREE**
4646 Nolensville Pike, Nashville 37211



World Refugee Celebration

20 June
10a - 2p

Celebrate our new neighbors with games, food, live performances, and more! Sponsored by **NICE** and **World Relief Nashville**. Mayor Karl Dean, speaker. **FREE**
4646 Nolensville Pike, Nashville 37211



Big Art Reveal

20 June
12p - 2p

The Frist Center, the teens from the **Oasis Center's International Teen Outreach Program** and teaching artist **Daniel Furbish** will unveil a community artwork. **CRIT** invites you to learn about refugees in Nashville, explore the garden and join in a potluck with friends and neighbors. **FREE**
Wedgewood Urban Gardens
613 Wedgewood Avenue, Nashville 37203



Bhutanese Soccer Tournament

20 June
9a - 12p
semifinals 4:30p

Over 40 Bhutanese teams from around the U.S. will be competing. **CRIT** will have booths, information sessions, and fun activities for kids. Bring chairs, water, and your game face! **FREE**
Metro Soccer Complex
1266 Donelson Pike, Nashville 37217

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